



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 9569**  
Yoshio UMEZAWA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2002\_0426A  
Serial No. 10/089,040 : Group Art Unit 1652  
Filed April 16, 2002 : Examiner William A. Moore  
**PROBE FOR PROTEIN-PROTEIN : Mail Stop: Issue Fee**  
**INTERACTION ANALYSIS, AND METHOD**  
**OF USING IT FOR ANALYSIS OF**  
**PROTEIN-PROTEIN INTERACTION**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.312**  
**AFTER RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability dated September 8, 2006, Applicants herein provide the following remarks.

In item 2 on page 1 of the Notice of Allowability, it was indicated that claims 1, 3, 9, 10 and 13-15 have been allowed. Please note that claim 12 should have been indicated as allowed as supported by the Examiner's Amendment on pages 2-4, wherein claim 12 was amended (and not cancelled). Furthermore, Applicants never cancelled claim 12 nor authorized the cancellation of claim 12. During a telephone interview with Examiner Moore on December 8, 2006, the Examiner confirmed that claim 12 is allowed. Thus, the correct allowed claims are claims 1, 3, 9 and 12-15.

Issuance of the present application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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